

# A NEW CHARACTER

LOOK FOR OUR

## SUNDAY COMIC PAGE

TELLING ABOUT

### BRAINY BOWERS

AND HIS

### WONDERFUL WIZARD OIL

## WILL MAKE EVERYBODY LAUGH

### THE OIL WORLD

#### WILL TEST WELL.

Reported That Linn Oil Company Has  
Good Prospects.

It is reported in the city today that from all prospects the Linn Oil company, who are putting down a wild cat well in Texan county, have encountered another oil deposit, and are making arrangements to wash the hole out and run it through boat. Superintendent, of the Higgins Oil and Fuel Company, left this morning on the advice of a telegram, and will be present when the well is tested.

The Linn Oil company is composed mainly exclusively of Beaumont capital, and was organized something like a year ago for the purpose of developing oil fields which they hold on the Wolf ranch, twelve miles south of San Joaquin. Work was commenced in June with a cable outfit, but after conducting the hole play for two months the cable was entirely unprofitable and a rotary rig was put in. According to the latest reports they are going where between 1,000 and 1,100 feet where they believe they have a good field. They have already passed through three distinct strata of oil rocks, neither of which was considered sufficient to pay. For several months on the north side of the Medina creek oil has been found in various places and has stood in this position for some time. At 200 feet there is no water, and at 300 feet oil was struck within 200 feet of the surface. The oil is very light, and the price is \$1.00 per barrel, except for demand, which is given preference or becoming a fairly good jumper.

In the intention of the company to sink the well will take about 1,100 feet, unless oil in greater quantities is found before that depth is reached.

#### MEXICAN OIL BURNERS.

Texas Petroleum Output May Soon Find Enlarged Market.

Unless some thing happens which will stop 20 or 30 days which will probably change the plans of the promoters of the Mexican Central and the Mexican National, and the officials of the Mexican Central Railroad and the National, it is their regular plan to strongly recommend that there will be a great market for oil to be used in the combustion of these great systems.

A gentleman is in the city from the City of Mexico, who has been identified with national interests of the capital, and it is from him that the Mexicentral is to apply to the State Legislator that the oil fields in Mexico will soon be treated more universally. The reason for this is report to their convenience. The

course on the part of the railroad officials is to be found in the fact that there is a marked scarcity of fuel, native to the states of Mexico, and that all of this fuel having to be imported from the United States, it is necessarily very high in price.

Lately, since the Mexican railroad officials have seen how successfully has been worked the experiments of the oil burning engine, and how great a saver of fuel and expense of operation is to be found in its use, they have been greatly inclined to try some experiments along these lines themselves.

The discovery of oil in gusher quantities at the great El Paso fields in the state of Veracruz has not lessened this desire for oil as engine fuel.

The El Paso wells are controlled by the Doheny syndicate of millionaires from Los Angeles, and have been so prolific in their flow since last July that the company has been sinking

themselves in the Northern fields.

They are not here for the purpose of investing, but are gathering information for their government on how the petroleum industry is handled in the United States. In getting up the information they will visit all the larger oil fields in the United States, having arrived here from California. From Beaumont they will go to Louisiana and thence to the Northern fields.

Judge John W. Waller, receiver of the Madeline Oil company, stated this morning that the sale of that company's property under order of the United States district court would not be made before November. He stated that it was his intention to wind up the affairs of the company during the coming term of the court.

Mr. George S. Davidson, general manager of the J. M. Knott Petroleum company, has returned from a short trip to Hot Springs for the benefit of health.

M. J. Donohue, driller for the Sun company, is in town from Spindletop,

Railroads and Floods

The last two months have been

marked by heavy rains. Many floods have occurred, water demolishing some of the railroads and involving outlays for repairs which are a serious menace to business.

In the Southwest bridges and embankments have been swept away to an extent little dreamed of by those not directly concerned.

It is estimated that on one road the expense thus entailed will amount to over \$1,000,000, and other roads have been more or less afflicted by the same cause.

Such disasters cannot be avoided by any degree of foresight.

When a stream of water, the result of hours' deluge, can sweep away a sufficient force moving in an ordinary dry bed to pick up a granite boulder weighing over 2,000 tons and carry it half a mile without either overturning or cracking it, as was recently done in Arizona, it will be appreciated how useless is any attempt to build a railroad that will resist such attacks from the elements.

This replacement expense, of which the public will bear, but which is constantly being incurred, must be provided for and is one of the chief causes of railroad recession which make it necessary to charge rates that, as compared with the cost of truck transportation, are too high to the consumer.

It is the opinion of the company that the cost of the railroad will be greatly increased by the loss of revenue due to the distance of the trip through the mountains.

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